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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sam Johnson, et al.

Application No: 09/372,898

Filed: August 12, 1999

For: A SYSTEM FOR AND A METHOD

OF IMPLEMENTING A CLOSED LOOP RESPONSE ARCHITECTURE FOR ELECTRONIC COMMERCE Group Art Unit: Unassigned Examiner: Unassigned

Our File No.: 9297.99239 (I2GO1)

PREMILIMARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 AND REQUEST FOR FILING RECEIPT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed with a signed oath and declaration of August 12, 1999. Applicants submit this preliminary amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 requesting the office to (1) disregard the original oath and declaration and to treat the original application as having been filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) and (2) accept this preliminary amendment as part of the original disclosure and having a filing date of August 12, 1999. Along with this preliminary amendment, the applicants submit:

- (1) a new oath and declaration referring to the original patent application and this preliminary amendment; and
- (2) a check for the amount of \$444 to cover (a) the surcharge of \$65 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) for filing the oath and declaration on a date later than the filing date, (b) the \$130 fee for filing a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182, and (c) the excessive claims fee of \$249 (\$171 for 19 additional claims and \$78 for 2 additional independent claims).

In addition, we have not yet received the filing receipt for the above-identified patent 03/24/2000 SDUDNG 00000041 09372898

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